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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 5, Please delete line 23 and replace with the following new line.

Fig. 11A to 11F are diagrams showing manners to compare a table with a map in

time;

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